

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1565-01
Bill No.: Perfected HB 626
Subject: Removes Social Security number requirement on marriage licenses for applicants who do not have a Social Security number.
Type: Original
Date: March 22, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health, Office of State Courts Administrator, Department of Social Services, and Greene County Recorder of Deeds** stated the proposed legislation would not fiscally impact their organizations.

Officials from the **St. Charles County Recorder of Deeds** stated there would be minimal costs associated with the printing of forms, additional man-hours (collecting, scanning, filing, etc.), and additional filing space (cabinets).

Officials from the **Cape Girardeau County Recorder of Deeds (CGCRD)** stated there would be printing costs of the affidavit unless provided by the state and a small amount of extra time for the deputy or recorder to have the affidavit signed. The CGCRD stated there would be losses of approximately \$100 for printing the affidavit and an insignificant time loss associated with the printing.

Officials from the **Platte County Recorder of Deed (PCRD)** stated they estimate approximately twenty-five (25) applicants were turned away due to not having a Social Security Number (SSN) or other government assigned identity in the year of 2000. In 2000 the PCRD's office had 137 fewer marriage licenses than 1999. However, the PCRD feels that most couples turned down in a first class county, such as Platte County, for not having a SSN, may finally apply in a second or third class county of Missouri. Therefore, revenues are less in Platte County. Estimating the approximate 25 couples unable to apply because of no Social Security Number the following applies:

Revenue Estimates per 25 Marriage License - Platte County - Denied because of no SSN:

Marriage License Fee to County per license (\$15 x 25)	\$375
State User Fee (\$2 x 25)	\$ 50
Domestic Violence (\$10 x 25)	\$250
Recorders User Fee (\$2 x 25)	\$ 50
Children's Trust Fund (\$15 x 25)	\$375
Retirement Fund for County Officials (\$6 x 25)	<u>\$150</u>
Total revenue estimated in 2000	\$875

The PCRD officials stated that due to the increase in individuals requesting to apply for a marriage license and also the increase of non-citizens in the county, the PCRD's office estimates \$1,000 in lost revenue for FY 02; \$1,200 for FY 03; and \$1,400 for FY 04. The PCRD stated there would be no direct savings impact. The PCRD feels the losses associated with the 25

ASSUMPTION (continued)

couples applying in 2000 and being turned down to be somewhat considerable to the Children's Trust fund as well as the Domestic Violence Fund. The six dollars (\$6) for the County official's retirement fund (CERF) are also important to all elected officials in Missouri.

Officials from the **Boone County Recorder of Deeds (Boone County)** stated this bill would allow anyone to sign a statement provided by the Recorder of Deeds that they do not have an SSN. The issues to consider are:

- Cost and uniformity of the statements at the local level;
- Whether permanent retention of the information is required; and
- Intent and impact of the current requirement

The Boone County officials stated the fiscal impact at the local level would depend on how many exemptions would be handled. Because it is implemented at the local level, there would be no uniformity in format. There is no provision that the statement is to be notarized or that the Recorder could make any charge for their services. Since the current information collected is a permanent record, the bill does not indicate whether the exemption statement becomes a part of the record. If it were to be archived with the marriage license, there would be additional cost to the local entity.

Oversight assumes the additional minimal costs would be absorbed within the current funding levels of the counties or will be offset by an increase in the revenue generated from the issuance of marriage licenses.

Officials from the **Clay County Recorder of Deeds, Marion County Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County Recorder of Deeds, Jackson County Recorder of Deeds, and St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds** did not respond to our fiscal note request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>Income - County Recorders</u>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Costs - County Recorders</u>	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2002
(10 Mo.)

FY 2003

FY 2004

**NET FISCAL IMPACT TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation would remove the requirement for Social Security Numbers to be on applications for marriage licenses if the applicants do not have a Social Security Number.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
Platte County Recorder of Deed
Greene County Recorder of Deeds
St. Charles County Recorder of Deeds
Cape Girardeau County Recorder of Deeds
Boone County Recorder of Deeds
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Social Services

NOT RESPONDING: Clay County Recorder of Deeds, Marion County Recorder of Deeds, Pettis County Recorder of Deeds, Jackson County Recorder of Deeds, and St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds.



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